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SUBJ: MSG COVERAGE/SECURITY PROJECTS - ANKARA

REF: (A) MSG BRANCH MEMO OF 8/14/78; (B) DEPT A-1984 OF 5/26/78.

1. ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND THE MARINE CORPS DECISION NOT TO APPROVE OUR REQUEST FOR A T/O INCREASE, I FEEL THAT THE USE OF MSGS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IS JUSTIFIED. GIVEN TURKEY'S INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEM AND THE LOW QUALITY OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND CONTRACT GUARDS, I THINK AN MSG AT THE RESIDENCE IS A MUCH BETTER USE OF A MARINE SECURITY GUARD, FOR EXAMPLE, THAN THE PRESENT 123 HOURS A WEEK COVERAGE AT U.S. ELEMENT CENTO (USEC).

2. I ASK THAT YOU REVIEW AGAIN THE DECISION ON THE T/O INCREASE WITH USMC. ALSO, IN YOUR REVIEW OF THE MSG PROGRAM (REF B), I ASK THAT YOU GIVE STRONG CONSIDERATION TO REMOVAL OF THE USEC MSG POST, WHICH WE CONSIDER TEMPORARY. THERE ARE ALTERNATOVES AVAILABLE THAT WOULDN'T REQUIRE MSG COVERAGE THERE. THIS POST HAS BEEN A TOPIC OF CONTENTION FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES, AND IT IS TIME A/SY, USMC AND THE JCS DECIDED UPON ITS REMOVAL.

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3. IF AFTER YOUR VIEW, YOU STILL FEEL THE T/O INCREASE IS NOT JUSTIFIED, I WOULD STILL ASK THAT YOU DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE APPROVAL OF OUR PENDING SECURITY PROJECTS: LOBBY REDESIGN (A-26), CHANCERY GROUNDS (A-29) AND AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (A-44). THE AMBASSADOR RETURNS FROM HOME LEAVE SEPTEMBER 1, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER TURKISH

SCHOOLS REOPEN. WITH THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, I EXPECT TERRORISM
TO INCREASE AGAIN, AND IT IS NECESSARY THAT THESE PROJECTS
BE QUICKLY FUNDED. DILLON

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